BEGINNING OF REVIEW

A Certificate of Need application has been submitted to the Department of Health on behalf of Maxim Healthcare Service, Inc. under the provisions of Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.38. This application proposes to establish a Medicare certified Home Health agency to serve the residents of Spokane County. There is no capital expenditure associated with this project.

The Certificate of Need Program will not convene a public hearing regarding this proposal <u>unless requested</u>. To request a public hearing, the request must be submitted in writing and received by regular or overnight mail at the Certificate of Need Program, Department of Health, 310 Israel Road, Post Office Box 47852, Olympia, Washington 98504-7852 by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 20, 2006. The request must include the name, address, and signature of the person making the request. **Faxed requests will not be accepted.** If a public hearing is scheduled, the hearing notice will be published in the Spokane Review at least 15 days prior to the date of the hearing.

If no public hearing is held, all data, comments, or arguments regarding the application must be submitted in writing and received by regular or overnight mail at the Certificate of Need Program by Monday, December 4, 2006. **Faxed comments will not be accepted.** If no public hearing is held, the department's review of the project should be completed on Friday, February 2, 2007.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the application, please call Peter Agabi or Mark Thomas with the Certificate of Need Program at (360) 236-2955.

For additional information or details, log into the Certificate of Need website: www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/FSL/certneed/